City of Marietta



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Meeting Minutes MARIETTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

David Freedman, Chairman Rebecca Nash Paden, Vice Chair Marion Savic Martin C. Kendall Carol Williams Ray Worden Brian McNair

Monday, June 27, 2016

5:45 PM

4th Floor Conference Room

Present: David Freedman Martin C. Kendall, Carol Williams, Ray Worden, Marion Savic, Brian McNair

Absent: Rebecca Paden

Staff Present:

Shelby Winkles, Zoning Administrator Sandra Lloyd, Administrative Assistant Gregg Litchfield Commission Attorney

Chairman Freedman called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Friedman introduced the new Commission member, Brian McNair.

MINUTES:

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Review and Approval of the May 31, 2016 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Worden, seconded by Commissioner Freedman, that the Minutes be Approved and Finalized. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Vote: 6-0-0

BUSINESS:

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Polk, Maple, Moon, Holland District

Discussion

Tabled

20140385

Church Cherokee Historic District Public Hearing

Public hearing on the City Council ordinance to establish the Church Cherokee Historic District, and to authorize the City Council to advertise for their public hearing on this same issue, will be held June 27, 2016 at 6:30 in the fire station conference room.

Chairman Freedman made a correction to the ballot results: Eighty-one (81) residents were in favor, eighteen (18) were against and twenty-four (24) did not vote. The percentage was still 66% which surpassed the 60% required to approve the creation of the historic district.

Mr. Chris Brown, who is a resident of the proposed Church Cherokee Historic District, made a statement explaining the significance of the vote indicating that of the 99 residents that took the time to vote, 81 in favor increased the percentage of those in favor of creating the historic district to an overall 81% in favor. He went on to stress that on some streets the percentage in favor was well over 90% making it crystal clear that the residents overall approved of the creation of the historic district.

A public hearing was held.

Commissioner Marion Savic was absent for the public hearing.

Commission Attorney Gregg Litchfield previously disclosed that he lives in the proposed Church Cherokee Historic District.

Commission Chairman David Freedman opened the hearing by welcoming the residents and introducing the commission members and members of staff present (Shelby Winkles, Attorney Gregg Litchfield, Sandra Lloyd).

Attorney Gregg Litchfield explained the rules and reason for the public hearing: This is a public hearing on the ordinance and the ordinance is the document that was voted for establishing the district. This public hearing is for comments; comments are limited to 15 minutes in total. The ordinance has been passed and it cannot be voted against. The public hearing held by the City Council is very important because they can refuse to establish the district. Attendance at that public hearing will be much more meaningful and important. Tonight's meeting is being held as the code requires it.

Chairman David Freedman added the voter turnout (Eighty one (81) residents were in favor, eighteen (18) were against and twenty four (24) did not vote. The percentage was still 66% which surpassed the 60% required to approve the creation of the historic district) and thanked the attendees for their support and for coming out tonight.

Concerns were raised about the district boundaries being modified. Attorney Litchfield added that the City Council can modify the boundaries. Chairman Freedman indicated he shared the community concern about the boundaries being modified but added that if the City Council decided to modify the boundaries, there was nothing

that the Historic Preservation Commission could do. He suggested that the residents come out to the City Council public hearing and voice their concerns, opinions and comments about keeping the integrity of the district intact.

Church Cherokee resident Chris Brown added that for the purposes of this public hearing, he would like to add that the Historic Preservation Commission did an outstanding job with a very complicated procedure to establish the historic district.

Chairman Freedman asked if there were any additional comments and hearing none, closed out the meeting.

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Forest Hills

Public hearing to be held on August 1, 2016 at 6:30 in Council Chambers regarding the adoption of the Forest Hills design guidelines and boundaries, and to authorize the City Council to hold a public hearing on this issue on August 10, 2016.

Staff will forward map of the proposed Forest Hills Historic District to Commissioner Brian McNair.

Discussed

20160682

Budget - Fiscal Year 2017

Discussion by Development Services Director Brian Binzer regarding the 2017 fiscal year budget allocated to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Tabled until the August 1, 2016 meeting.

Tabled

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Freedman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM

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Sandra Lloyd, Secretary